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Mr. F. Andrew Piszkin
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Base Realignment and Closure
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RE: Federal Facility Agreement Schedule OU-3, Site 1, Former Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, dated August 1, 2003

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

EPA has reviewed your request for an extension of the deliverable date by about 15 months for the draft Remedial Investigation and subsequent primary deliverables for Site 1, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Range.

Our understanding is that the large extension is needed not only to resolve ecological and radiological issues, but also to conduct a time-critical removal action to address the elevated levels of perchlorate found in the groundwater at the site.

We agree that the action to address perchlorate is necessary and should be conducted as expeditiously as possible in order to avoid further migration of the plume and therefore concur with the extension request for Site 1.

If you have any questions, please call me at (415)972-3012.

Sincerely,

Nicole Moutoux
Project Manager
Federal Facilities Cleanup Branch

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